



**News from Congressman**

# **Tom Lantos**

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San Mateo/San Francisco**

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## **Environmental Groups Give Lantos Exceptionally High Marks**

**Washington, DC** – The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has given Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Francisco, San Mateo) a 95 out of 100 on its annual Congressional Scorecard for the first session of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress (2003).

A national, bipartisan organization that educates citizens about the environmental records of federally-elected officials, the LCV has published a *National Environmental Scorecard* for every Congress since 1970, the year it was founded by leaders of the environmental movement following the first Earth Day.

Congressman Lantos' 95 percent score is well above the national average of 46 percent for House members and 41 percent for U.S. Senators. His rating for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress was 91 percent.

"I am honored to receive this excellent new rating from the League of Conservation Voters," said Congressman Lantos. "This organization represents the political voice of the more than nine million Americans who are members of environmental and conservation organizations around the country. My voting record over the years on environmental issues reflects my strong commitment to protecting our environment and preserving our natural resources."

The 2003 National Environmental Scorecard rates Members of the House of Representatives on 19 votes pertaining to an environmentally friendly energy policy, opposition to oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and other offshore locations, protection of our national forests, opposition to weakening the Clean Water Act, and stopping ozone pollution. The 2003 National Environmental Scorecard represents the consensus of experts from 20 respected environmental and conservation organizations who selected the key votes on which voting records should be rated.

"In my eight years as president of the League of Conservation Voters and throughout the league's 34-year history as a whole, our congressional scorecard has stood out as our signature document, the one all-encompassing source of information on the environmental voting records of individual representatives," Deb Callahan, President of LCV wrote in the report. "This year we at LCV believe the sheer weight and volume of anti-environmental measures coming out of Washington make this exhaustive examination more important than ever."

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